



Northeast Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee



Wednesday, May 8, 2019
10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

A meeting of the Northeast Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee was held on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at 10:05 a.m., at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, 100 Festival Park Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32202. Chairperson Richard Knoff called the meeting to order with the following members:

Present

Jennifer Aronoff – Facility Operator
Helen Gainey *for* Terry Carr – Environmental
Anthony Cinelli – Local Environmental
John Coffey - Health
Sandi Courson – Health
Chief Lenny Ensalaco – Firefighting
George Faucher, Jr. – Firefighting
Gracie Kennedy – Environmental
Chief Richard Knoff – Firefighting
Michael Lesser – Facility Operator
Brooke Martin – Transportation
Lance Thibault *for* Steve Millican – Emerg. Mgmt
Amy Pilgrim *for* Henry Bonar – Facility Owner
Fred Rogers – Emergency Management
Chief Harvey Silcox – Firefighting
Chris Naff *for* Chief Joel Sneed – Firefighting

Absent

Douglas Coleman – Environmental
Paul Crist - Transportation
Bill Decker – Local Environmental
Bek Harrison – Law Enforcement
Ben Huron – Local Environmental
Chief Joe King - Firefighting
Michael Laycock – Facility Operator
William Lord – Facility Owner
Quin Romay – Emergency Management
Chief John Scott, III - Firefighting
Chief Todd Smith – Firefighting
Roger Studenski – Transportation

Guests: Jonathan Lord (via phone), Bill Raspet (NASJax), Alex Sease (Contanda Terminals), Bing Crosby (DHS), Clifford Favereau (DHS), Rick Frain (IFF), Pete Gunnell (NCFR) and other members of the public.

Staff Present: Tyler Nolen and Sheron Forde

*APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Knoff called for a motion on the February 2019 Meeting Minutes. Chief Silcox made the motion to approve the February 2019 Minutes; seconded by Ms. Kennedy. Motion carried.

STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (SERC) MEETINGS

John Coffee and Anthony Cinelli arrived

Mr. Nolen provided an overview of the Training Task Force, LEPC Chair/Coordinator, and SERC meetings that were held on August 18, 2019 in St. Augustine, FL. Discussion followed.

Training Task Force Meeting

The State has been working on developing special guides on a wide variety of HazMat related incidents and will be issuing SOGs in the near future. Staff will provide more information as it is received. The Maritime HazMat issue continues to be a topic of discussion regarding jurisdiction, and what happens if an incident occurs offshore. Members will be updated as discussions progress.

LEPC Chairs

The working group continues to work on standardization of site plans for HazMat Assessments. The Team Assessments will complete JFRD this year with Clay and St. Johns Counties slated to be done. Nassau County has requested to have theirs be done as well.

SERC Meetings

This meeting was primarily a review of the above meetings. Currently there are many vacancies on the SERC Board, mainly due to the change in leadership and awaiting the Governor's appointments.

CURRENT BUSINESS/REPORTS

Release Report

Mr. Nolen provided an overview of the Hazardous Materials Incidents as of February 2019, highlighting Section 304 Release Investigations, traffic evacuations, injuries or deaths from HazMat incidents. Discussion followed.

A request was made to confirm the number on table 2, transportation, showing Clay and Duval both reporting in at 2,220 gallons. Nassau County stated their leak was on February 25th, acetone and fertilizer. Staff will follow up with the State for accuracy.

JSO CAD

Staff recognized Officer Nathaniel Tomlin, George Brown and Kirk Simpson of the JSO GIS Department their assistance in uploading all E-Plan Data into the computer-aided dispatch system for JSO. This will allow dispatch to relay information regarding any hazardous materials that may be located at a facility directly to the officers that are responding to an incident. This was done as a pilot program and it is currently working well. The new CAD system will be online in September this year; if it works as expected, this is something that can be applied throughout the State.

4th Gen Agents

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services has published a document to their website on 4th generation agents. This includes Safety Awareness for First On-Scene Responders, Reference Guides and Medical Management Guidelines. This information can be found at the website: <https://chemm.nlm.nih.gov/nerveagents/FGA.htm>.

CAMEO Data

The CAMEO data for Baker, Clay, Nassau, Putnam & St. Johns counties has been approved by the Florida Division of Emergency Management and is only available from the local fire chiefs and LEPC staff. Mr. Nolen or the local fire chiefs can disclose what chemical, location and contact information but not the quantity based on legislation since September 11, 2019.

Awards

Mr. Michael Lesser was awarded the certificate of appreciation from the State Emergency Response Commission and the Local Emergency Planning Committee for his dedication and role in the LEPC. He has attended and participated in nearly every training opportunity offered by the LEPC and has gone

above and beyond by serving as a staff member for this year's HazMat Symposium. As he was not available to receive it at that time, Mr. Lesser is presented today with his certificate.

Technology Update

Staff informed the Members that the Councils phone, voicemail and email systems are all back online. Also, the Council recently hired a Communication Specialist, Ms. Kate Haigh, who will be taking care of the website going forward.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training

Chief Silcox provided an overview of the training courses recently completed: 160-hour HazMat Technician and Nassau County Radiological Operations Training. Currently, the Flagler County Radiological Awareness Training and the St. Johns County Foam Operations courses are just beginning. Upcoming courses include Radiological Operations Training in Duval and Putnam Counties; Foam Operations in Clay and Duval Counties; and Radiological Technician Training in Clay, Duval and St. Johns Counties. Staff does a great job in finding classes that are free, but the LEPC does spend money on some of the classes. This year, the LEPC will cover the cost for some of Clay County's responders to attend the International HazMat Conference. This is something the LEPC rotates each year for first responders. More information will be forthcoming.

Mr. Nolen recognized and thanked the Members for their efforts in getting the classes filled. He stated he will be meeting with each county beginning in July to discuss training needs and compare those with the needs of the Region. Where they match up, staff will work to bring in those classes to the Region.

Mr. John Coffee shared information on training at a Y12 Complex in Oakridge, TN. They not only have radiological security courses, but also courses through the Department of Energy for EMS and Fire Departments free of charge. He encourages anyone interested to look them up for more information.

Chair Knoff shared that the City of Palatka, Putnam County, has indicated they are interested in LEPC membership.

CSX Derailment Presentation

Ms. Martin, CSX Manager Hazardous Materials, provided a presentation on a CSX derailment and the steps that were followed to safely transfer the tank contents and remove the tanks from the water. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Ms. Kate Haigh was introduced to the Committee.

Next Meeting – The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for 10:00am, Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at the Northeast Florida Regional Council.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the LEPC, Chair Knoff adjourned the meeting at 11:15am.